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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. ON JUNE 27 I MET WITH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN AND PROMISED TO CONVEY GIST OF OUR DISCUSSION TO WASHINGTON.
2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION I MENTIONED THAT DURING MY CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON I HAD LEARNED OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF BRIEF VISIT TO COPENHAGEN BY SECRETARY LABOR MARSHALL TOWARD THE END OF OCTOBER AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL TRADE NEGOTIATOR ROBERT STRAUSS WOULD STOP IN COPENHAGEN BEFORE DANES ASSUME EC PRESIDENCY ON JANUARY 1. I ALSO INFORMED HIM OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 14, WHICH FORMER SENATOR FULBRIGHT WILL ATTEND. PRIME MINISTER WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THESE PROSPECTS.
2. PRIME MINISTER THEN ASKED ME THE REACTION TO HIS REQUEST, MADE THROUGH DANISH AMBASSADOR BORCH, FOR A VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1978. PRIME MINISTER RELATED THE TIMING OF THE PROPOSED VISIT TO DENMARK'S ASSUMPTION OF THE EC PRESIDENCY IN JANUARY; I.E., HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE MUTUALLY

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BENEFICIAL TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT AT BEGINNING OF DENMARK'S TERM SO THAT DENMARK WOULD HAVE THE BENEFIT OF TOP-LEVEL US THINKING WHEN IT IS IN THE CHAIR.

3. THE SUBJECTS HE WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH THE PRESIDENT WILL DEPEND UPON THE ISSUES OCCUPYING THE U.S. AND THE

COMMON MARKET AT THAT TIME, ONE POSSIBILITY BEING THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN VENUEVA. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE MUCH WILL DEPEND UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT EAST/WEST RELATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND AFRICA MIGHT WELL BE AREAS FOR ATTENTION SIX MONTHS FROM NOW. PRIME MINISTER MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT ON MOST OF THESE ISSUES DENMARK HOLDS A POSITION SYMPATHETIC TO THE AMERICAN VIEWPOINT.

4. PRIME MINISTER THOUGHT THAT TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. HE CANNOT BE GONE LONG FROM DENMARK BUT HE MIGHT JUST ADD A THIRD DAY FOR CONTACTS ON HIS OWN IN NEW YORK WITH THE UN, AMERICAN BANKS, ETC

5. WHILE THE MULTILATERAL COMMON MARKET PROBLEMS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE THE CENTER OF ALL DISCUSSIONS, HE NEVERTHELESS WOULD HOPE TO MEET ALSO WITH SECRETARY VANCE, SECRETARY BROWN, AND PERHAPS SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL TO DISCUSS BILATERAL US-DANISH PROBLEMS, WHICH HE ADMITTED ARE MINIMAL. HOWEVER, THE F-16 REMAINS A PROJECT WHICH REQUIRES CLOSE SUPERVISION. ALSO, DENMARK, AS A MAJOR BORROWER ON THE INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKET, WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO DISCUSS DENMARK'S CREDITWORTHINESS WITH US FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES.

6. COMMENT: I HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD AGREE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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INVITE PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN, IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1978. WHILE I REALIZE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM IS VERY FULL, SUCH A GESTURE WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO A SMALL, BUT STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT, NATO ALLY WHICH ALSO WILL BE THE CURRENT EC PRESIDENT. THIS VISIT WOULD DO MUCH TO ASSURE THAT DENMARK WILL BE A SYMPATHETIC CHANNEL FOR OUR VIEWS ON US/EC RELATIONS. SUCH A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WOULD PROMOTE WHAT THE DANES CONSIDER TO BE THE CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER THAT BEGAN WITH EXCHANGES OF LETTERS AND CONTINUED AT THE MAY NATO SUMMIT IN LONDON.  
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